

Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

March 2022 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:30 AM

A Bus for Vakpo Fu

It is with great joy I share with you the good news from Vakpo Todzi, Ghana. This is one of the many villages we visited on our trip in August. The church members shared with us the need for a daycare center in the village where mothers could leave their children while they went to the fields to work. Tom Lloyd and I shared the need with you, and you responded. The St. Luke's Daycare is finished, and it is filled with children. Please visit our St. Luke's webpage to see a full pictorial report of the school because a picture is worth a thousand words.

A sister congregation to Vakpo Todzi is Vakpo Fu. Fu is a remote village in a very rural area. Like Todzi, they are farmers growing pineapple. Their challenge is with educating their children from the village and the surrounding area. The children find it very difficult to get to school in a timely fashion. There is no services offered to them for travel. Very few people in the area own a car. It was suggested that the church could buy bicycles for them but that would be a logistical nightmare.

The solution I suggested was to buy a van or a bus to transport these children. The congregation is in full support of the idea. The St. Luke's Mission Committee has embraced the idea of raising funds for the bus. They have set a goal of at least \$10,000 to go toward the bus. The Ghana account has about \$5000 earmarked for the bus. The Missions Committee will be promoting this projects in the months to come with various fundraising ideas. I hope you wholeheartedly support this very special project.

If you have any questions, let me know. We are also looking for other church communities or civic organizations who might be interested in hearing about our work in Ghana and the opportunity to support this mission project.

Pastor Pat

Please remember Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm on March 2, 2022. Communion and Ashes will be presented to those in attendance.

NEW ADDRESS

Revs. Sharon and Patrick Morris
114 Rosebush Court
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

March Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 6	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 9:1-2,9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar. 13	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar. 20	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Mar. 27	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Apr. 3	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8

ASH WEDNESDAY

Service will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please come and join us for Communion and the beginning of the Lenten Season.

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TO ALL MY FAMILY AT ST. LUKE'S

I want to thank everyone in my church family at St. Luke's for their wonderful cards during my recovery time.

Thank you again,

Rod Bowers

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ATTENTION, ATTENTION

Defiantly starting in March, the monthly Women's Breakfast will be held on the SECOND Thursday of each month at 9:00am in the Spring Ford Dinner in Spring City, our old stomping grounds. Please ask for the St. Luke's group and they will let you know where we are. Please plan on joining us and catching up with each other. It's been some time since we last saw each other, should be lots of stories to tell.

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CHURCH LIFE IS ON THE MOVE!!!!

Church Life has sprung into action after the pandemic is on the down turn. We did not do our Valentine Bingo but we are headed for our St. Patrick's Bingo. Come join us and win some wonderful "green" prizes. We will be having our fun on Saturday, March 12th at 6:00 in Moyer Hall. Please sign up on the Bulletin board so we know how many "prizes" to have on hand.

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Organist Search Committee Report – 2/20/2022

After a two-year search, the Organist Search Committee has a potential candidate to fill the position. During that search time, there had been numerous leads, ideas, suggestions and one seemingly good applicant, but they all dried up as we learned that organist/music directors are in high demand and short supply. Honestly, we weren't sure what direction to head in next.

With the Holy Spirit's help, out of the blue Irina Shmeleva, our past organist, contacted me and offered to help us out. Her citizenship issues had been resolved and she feels a strong connection to our congregation members.

She has since been interviewed by the committee and elders to become our Director of Music. There were some concerns expressed. Irena has another church where she serves as organist, but she truly wants to help St. Luke's with our situation. The major concern on both sides of the table was her time constraint: We would need our service to begin at 9:00 to give her the chance to get to her other church service. After lengthy discussions, as a committee, we felt that the benefit of live music was worth the change of worship time.

Special evening services were also a concern. She had a solution that her husband, also a musician, was willing to fill in during any conflicting service times. She is willing to pre-record any music that may be necessary to meet her time restrictions.

This time change would need a special Congregational Meeting to be approved. A three-month trial period was agreed upon by both sides if the congregation agrees to the time change.

If nothing else, the covid restrictions have taught us all that we have to find new ways of doing things. The past two years has also taught the search committee that a compromise may be necessary to give our worship the advantage of REAL music.

Today's meeting went a long way to providing a path forward.

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Willow Eva Marie Kimmich

Granddaughter of John and Janet Kimmich was born on Feb. 19, 2022 to

Greg and Kaycie Kimmich

She came into the world at 5lb. 5oz. and 18 3/4 inches.

March 7 Joan Keyser
March 9 Dottie Snader
 Jim Narrigan



March 10 Susan Walsh
March 20 Keagan Davidson

2022 Missions Offerings

Around the end of January you should have received a mailing with a supply of special envelopes for our 2022 UCC and Church World Service offerings. Please use these to mail in your checks or bring your donations for the offering plate if/when we return to the sanctuary. Then the funds can be properly accounted for and forwarded. See the list below for the programs and donation dates.

If you didn't recently receive a mailing or ever misplace your envelopes, please ask for another from the Missions team. Or make sure to designate the program on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Timing / Date(s)	Mission Program
Sunday, March 27th	One Great Hour of Sharing
Sunday, June 5 th , Pentecost Sunday	Strengthen the Church
Sunday, October 2 nd , World Communion Sunday	Neighbors in Need
Sunday, December 18 th	Christmas Fund

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SERVICE + COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, March 27th is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ and part of Our Church's Wider Mission. OGHS carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons and emergency relief and rehabilitation. It also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Several Christian denominations including the American Baptist Church, Disciples of Christ, Church of the Brethren and CWS come together on the program and share a commitment to faithful service.

You might ask where your donation goes. 60% of the UCC's offering supports international development initiatives. Currently, there are 2 OGHS supported missionaries and 1 Global Mission Intern working in disaster relief, health care, education, sustainable agricultural development and refugee support.

St. Luke's will celebrate OGHS during service, of course. **The Missions Team will also host a fellowship coffee hour after service.** Please plan to stick around for a little bit and catch up with your church family. Those of you who Zoom might want to join worship in the sanctuary that Sunday. During that time we will accept a **free will offering for our Ghana effort** to raise funds for a mini-van to enable children in rural areas to attend school on a regular basis.

Bring your coins and quiet money too to fill up the big gas cans symbolizing St. Luke's donation goal of \$5000. **We will also accept canned goods, non-perishables, paper and health & beauty products for the Daily Bread.**





March Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Nancy Claycomb** to schedule and review tasks. If you wish to be an usher/greeter please see **Brenda Kurtz** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar. 6	Corie Bowers			
Mar. 13	Sue Linkenhoker			
Mar. 20	Bev Spaid			
Mar. 27	Kathy Narrigan			
Apr. 3	Corie Bowers			

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the April Newsletter is March 22nd and mailing is March 28th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller.

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, The Evans Family, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

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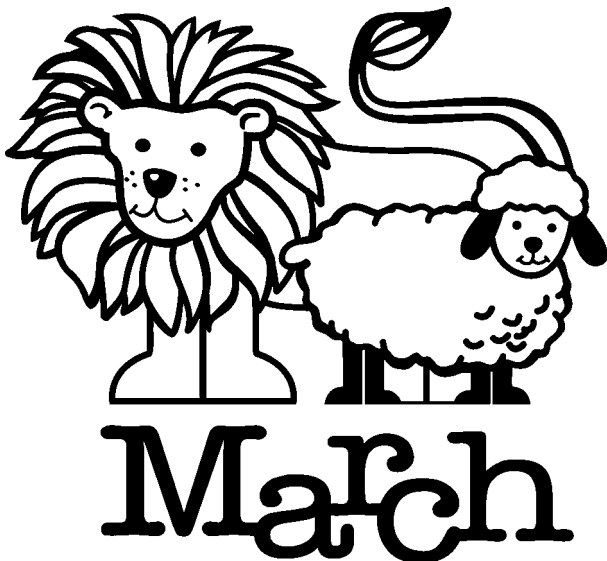


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Bible Study	2 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	3 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	4	5
6 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	7	8 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	9 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	10 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 GANON	11	12 6:00 Green Bingo 
13 9:30 Service in Sanctuary, Children's Sermon with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	14 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	15 10:00 Bible Study	16 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	17 7:30 GANON  St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 9:30 Healing Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom 	21	22 10:00 Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	24 7:30 GANON 7:30 Toastmasters	25	26
27 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom. One Great Hour of Sharing - coffee hour to follow.	28 NEWSLETTER MAILING	29 10:00 Bible Study	30 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	31		

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**Centered in God,
guided by His Word,
we share Christ's love with all.**